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CONVERTERS, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING CATALYTIC CONVERTERS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: